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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ANONYMOUS ELECTRONIC VOTING
SYSTEM AND ANONYMOUS
ELECTRONIC VOTING METHOD

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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- ☒ A legible copy⁴ of each document (or relevant portion thereof) cited in the attached PTO/SB/08, except for U.S. patent and U.S. published applications.
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 - ☐ A statement explaining the relevant portions of the non-English language information;
 - ☒ A copy [and, where not in the English language, a translation] of at least the relevant portion(s)⁶ of the communication from an Australian Search Report received July 7, 2008 in which the information was cited; or
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SEARCH REPORT

Applicant's or agent's file reference 6192SG5/MHK/RN/RIN		
Application No. SG 200604995-1	Application Filing Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 January 2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 26 January 2004
Applicant NEC CORPORATION		

This search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.


☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I)

 2. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II)


 3. ☐ The application contains disclosure of a **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing** and the search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - ☐ filed with the application
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 - ☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in application as filed

 4. With regard to the **title**,
 - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☐ the text has been established by this Office to read as follows:



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 6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.1
 - ☒ as suggested by the applicant.
 - ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure
 - ☐ because this figure better characterises the invention
 - ☐ None of the figures
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SEARCH REPORT

Application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

According to International Patent Classification (IPC)

Int. Cl.

G06F 17/40 (2006.01) **G07C 11/00** (2006.01) **H04L 9/00** (2006.01)
G07C 1/10 (2006.01) **G07C 13/00** (2006.01)

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI:

LIM G06F 17/40/ic or G07C 01/10/ic or G07C 11/00/ic or G07C 13/00/ic or H04L 09/00/ic
server? or node? or client? or terminal? or computer+ or network+ or online AND
candidate? or nominee? or votee? AND
encrypt+ (w) decrypt+ or coded AND
authenticat+ or verify+ or ID? or (identify or identifi+)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.



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A	Patent Abstracts of Japan 2001-243395 A (NTT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CORP) 07 September 2001	All
A	WO 2000/062257 A1 (OPENTEC PTY LIMITED) 19 October 2000	All
A	Patent Abstracts of Japan 2151892 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD) 11 June 1996 1990	7-11, 17-20

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member			
JP	2001243395	NONE				
WO	0062257	AU 36484/00	AU 89225/01	CA 2368121		
		CN 1355908	NZ 514824	US 2002083126		
JP	2151892	NONE				
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